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PATENT APPLICATION
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| Attorney Docket No. | 00342CON |
| First Inventor | J. C. Bedingfield |
| Title | SYSTEM AND METHOD |
| Express Mail Label No. | ER524410468US |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 750.00)

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 750 | 2001 | 375 | Utility filing fee | 750. |
| 1002 | 330 | 2002 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 520 | 2003 | 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 750 | 2004 | 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$ 750.00) | | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | 20 | -20** = | 0 | X | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Independent Claims | 3 | - 3** = | 0 | X | | 0 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | | | |

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 84 | 2201 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 280 | 2203 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 410 | 2252 | 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 930 | 2253 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 320 | 2401 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 320 | 2402 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,300 | 2501 | 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 470 | 2502 | 235 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 | 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
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| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
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| 1810 | 750 | 2810 | 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 750 | 2801 | 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) _____ | | | | | |
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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| First Named Inventor | J. C. Bedingfield |
| Title | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR |
| Attorney Docket Number | 00342CON |

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I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

September 18, 2003

Date



Signature

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